

LADY ASTOR GIVES WETS HARD BLOWS

'You Can't Make Drink Respectable,' She Asserts in Opposing 'Freedom.'

FAVORS IDEAL HOMES

Aids Government, Which Is Delaying Introduction of Its Control Bill.

WAR ACT STAYS IN FORCE

'Do Listen: I May Be Rude, but I am Not Long Winded,' She Tells Interrupters.

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Lady Nancy Astor interested and amused the House of Commons at the expense of John Barleycorn during the debate on the licensing reform bill which is generally recognized as a liquor "trades" measure and is designed to give longer hours and greater freedom to public houses. "I am for ideal homes rather than ideal public houses," was one of Lady Astor's quip remarks. Among others were these: "You can't make drink respectable." "You hear much about it in the name of freedom, freedom for what? Freedom to drink more." And, referring to the waning political influence of the liquor traffic: "The soldiers used to sing 'The poor old Kaiser ain't what he used to be.'"

As Government's Champion.

Lady Astor figured as the leading champion for the Government, which while delaying the introduction of its substitute bill has strongly indicated its opposition to returning to anything like pre-war conditions. With her wit and originality, which always hold the House, she ridiculed the bill with telling arguments, very capably holding her own against the opposition, which was inspired by the nature of the subject under discussion. The bill proposes among other things to extend the hours in which liquor selling places may keep open from six to a minimum of nine hours and a maximum of eleven hours, with "open" option to decide if the hours shall be from 5 A. M. to midnight, and also the formation of licensing courts of appeal presided over by three specially appointed judges.

Col. John Grettton, in making a motion for a second reading of the bill, attacked the Liquor Control Board, and said the trade regarded itself as a servant of the people, and that the bill was intended to remedy the difficulties affecting the trade. Lady Astor urged the House to look at the question from a national point of view and argued that the Control Board promoted national efficiency, and that there was never a greater need of national efficiency than now. She declared that a great deal had been said about the inconvenience to which some people had been put.

Recalls Nation's Sacrifices.

"But," she added, "what about the great sacrifices the nation has made? If there is one thing the Anglo-Saxon people pride themselves upon it is their honesty; we are not all honest, but we admire honesty. Fancy trying to make us believe the bill will have the effect of selling more tea, buns and cocoa. It isn't honest. We can see through it all. It is the thinnest camouflage ever presented in Parliament. Drink destroys efficiency, therefore it affects every industry in the country. This bill would increase drink. I warn the supporters of the bill that the drink traffic has not the hold on the nation that it once possessed. The bill threatens thousands of homes in this country."

When Lady Astor was interrupted, she retorted: "Do listen. I may be rude, but I am not long-winded." She then went on to say: "What the country wants is a real temperance bill based on experience gained during the war. The first object of this bill is to make home life better. It is not trying to make the parlor more attractive for the poor little fly."

It is not believed that the Government will introduce its bill at this session, but probably will wait until autumn. Meanwhile it is hardly likely that the Defense of the Realm act, restricting the sale of liquor to certain hours, will remain in force.

BRITISH MINE OWNERS HAVE REVISED OFFER

Pay of All Classes of Workers Is Affected.

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It was stated authoritatively here today that the mine owners are prepared to come forward with new data and a revised offer of remuneration for all classes of workers in the collieries with a view to settling the strike of the coal miners.

After a three weeks' strike by the miners there is widespread distress throughout the coal fields. Women and children are suffering for food in some districts and the grim aspect of destitution is casting its shadow over many miners' households. Every day the dispute continues the suffering will increase.

Although many factories are affected by the miners' strike, the industrial situation here is far from critical, with the Government and the factory and mine owners apparently more able to stand the strain of the delay in settling the strike than are the strikers.

WON'T PAY TAXES FOR TIME IN THE TRENCHES

No One Will Serve Summons on French Veterans.

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A conflict has broken out between financial and judicial authorities which will require serious changes in the French tax laws affecting former soldiers.

At least hundreds of veterans are refusing to pay taxes which accumulated during their four years' absence in the trenches. Summonses have been promptly issued by the courts, but the bailiffs and deputies, most of whom likewise have served in the trenches, refuse to serve them.

American Coal Held by British Dockmen

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Great Britain is seeking American coal, but dockmen at British ports are putting obstacles in the way of unloading imported coal, the Department of Commerce was advised today.

GENEVA, April 23.—The International Congress of Transport Workers today voted to support the striking British coal miners. The vote followed receipt of a telegram from the miners appealing for solidarity among marine and dock workers throughout the world to prevent transportation or loading of coal or other action intended to break the strike.

FRENCH DEPUTIES PASS AMNESTY BILL

Amendment Permits Appeal From All Courts-Martial During the War.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, April 23.—After the Chamber of Deputies adopted unanimously today an amendment to the amnesty bill under which an appeal may be taken "from any and all sentences imposed by courts-martial during the war upon simple request of the soldier affected, if living or his heirs, if dead," the general amnesty bill was passed, 528 to 14, this afternoon. The measure embraces virtually all offenses against the military laws, with the exception of high treason and desertion in the face of the enemy. Mutineers of the Black Sea fleet are not included and must serve their sentences.

Adoption of the amendment came after a dramatic speech by Deputy Jade of Finistere, who commanded a company throughout the late war. He recalled that before Sedan in Champagne orders came to execute a surprise attack in broad daylight without artillery preparation. Jade refused to send his company over the top, but he was not court-martialed.

According to the narrative of the deputy-veteran the officers of the company next in line ordered their men to attack, but the latter refused to leave the trenches, saying they preferred to be shot and buried where they were rather than hang on the barbed wire for days. The general commanding the division then instructed the French artillery to turn its guns on the trenches where this company was stationed. The Colonel commanding the artillery, M. Jade said, refused point blank, but he was not court-martialed.

A few days later, continued the speaker, several men of the company were tried and shot, although a short time previously they had volunteered for a dangerous and hazardous mission.

"This execution was abominable!" he then shouted, "and I ask the Government to give us guarantees against similar outrages in the future and redress for those condemned now lying in fortresses."

Deputy Iznac, who had opposed the amendment, immediately moved its adoption, Louis Barthou seconded it, and the amendment was voted unanimously.

May I tell you why the Kensico Cemetery is secure?

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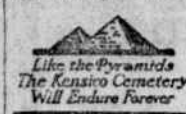
"The Passing of Our City Cemeteries" is a brief article which narrates the results of an investigation I have been making. Every family who does not own a burial plot should write or phone for a copy. Just ask The Kensico Cemetery, 103 Park Ave. (Murray Hill 1841) or drop me a postal and I will send it to you.

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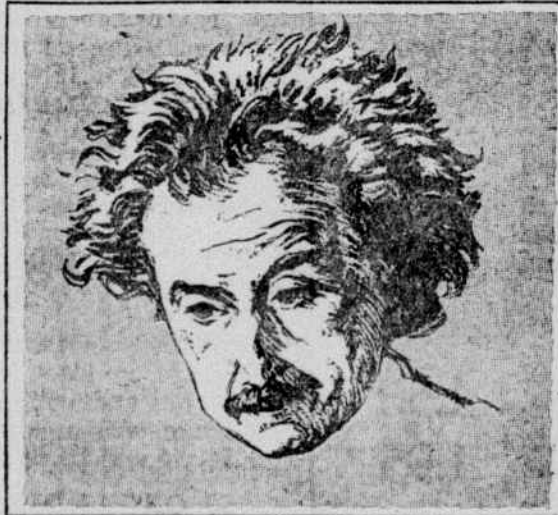
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This Sale will take place on the SIXTH FLOOR

(Thirty-fifth Street elevators)

For Monday

A Special Offering of Women's Silk Dresses

offering remarkable value at

\$50.00

There are several attractive, up-to-date models to choose from in this interesting assortment. The materials are Canton crepe, crepe de Chine, and various silk materials in combination with georgette. The sizes are 34 to 44, inclusive.

(Ready-to-wear Dresses, Third Floor)

The Wool Fabrics Dep't

is displaying, among many beautiful and seasonable textiles, a most interesting selection of

Embroidered Serges

which are—and will be—much in demand for tailored frocks of the straight-line type. These embroidered effects are extremely handsome, and may now be obtained at prices that will make a general appeal.

This Department is also featuring

Semi-made Wool Skirts

in a smart box-plaited model, stylishly developed in the plaids and stripes so much in vogue. The price (a special figure, although in the regular stock) is

\$14.75

Waist sizes, 26 to 34 inches

(First Floor)

Vogue Patterns

for Spring and Summer

are on sale on the Fourth Floor

For Monday

An Advance Selection of Hats for Early Summer

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These Hats are altogether new and decidedly smart. Among them are models featuring shapes, colors and trimmings suited to all types, including not only the youthful and riant, but also the mature and conservative.

(First Floor Millinery Department)

For Monday

A Value-giving Sale of Sterling Silverware

comprising a special assortment of eminently desirable hollow ware, marked at prices that will suggest liberal buying.

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